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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re Application of: Elizabeth Bates *et al.*For Patent: Monocyte-Derived Nucleic
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Compositions and Methods

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Two documents are attached to this paper. The first attachment is the cover page of a MicroPatent search (1 page), and the second attachment is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,470,925 (6 pages), for a total of 7 attached pages.

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